

REMARKS:

By this amendment Applicant cancels claims 1-22 and adds new claims 23-29. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

PRIOR APPEAL.

By this request for continued examination, Applicant reopens prosecution of this application from appeal and presents the new claims above which are believed to more clearly define over the prior art of record. Applicant believes that the previously cited art does not teach or suggest the features present in the foregoing claims. Applicant is also gathering additional evidence of non-obviousness which will be presented in a supplemental response.

NEW CLAIMS.

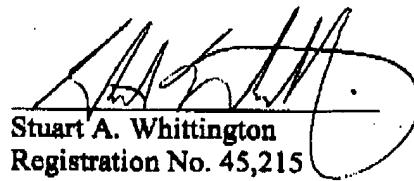
Applicant presents new claims 23-29 and respectfully requests examination and favorable consideration of these claims. No new matter is presented by the foregoing claim amendments and support for such amendments can be found in original claims 1-22 as well as paragraphs [0017] [0020-0021] [0023] and [0024].

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CONCLUSION.

In view of the above, allowance of this application is believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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